

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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SANITARY INEFFICIENCY.

A perfectly good illustration of the "twilight zone" of jurisdiction between the territory and the municipality in sanitary matters is shown in the situation regarding inspection of poi-shops.

The supervisors and the mayor, in an inspection tour last week found the poi-shops in a bad state—dirty, ill-maintained, sanitation disregarded. They seem inclined to lay some of the blame on the board of health. The board does not deny the condition of the poi-shops but explains that in 1911, in order to get a health measure through the legislature, the president of the board agreed with the city supervisors to allow the city to do all inspecting of poi-shops. Those who remember the legislature of 1911 will also remember that there was considerable controversy over health matters, the various governmental branches were working with some friction, so that this story of a compromise is entirely probable.

The result is that the city has not done effective inspection work, the board of health has kept hands off, and the condition of the shops has become a disgrace.

Instances such as this furnish the many arguments recently brought forward in favor of single control of sanitary matters. If this system should be adopted, it virtually means territorial control, for if the board of health is in the sanitary inspection business at all, it might as well handle sanitary matters in every county.

FACTORS FOR GOOD BUSINESS.

If mainland businessmen have reason to be optimistic over the general outlook, how much more the businessmen of Hawaii!

High sugar prices are pouring money into the territory.

Retail trade—which depends of course on the purchasing power of a large number of people—should be more than brisk, it should be heavy during 1915 and 1916. The army and navy are spending more and more in Honolulu directly, and indirectly federal work here will bring a tremendous amount of money to the stores and business houses.

The outlook for employment is unusually good, and that always means an increase in purchasing power in the community. Public work on Oahu is going to be done on a big scale in the next two years. One million dollars will be spent on a federal building and a large part of it will go to labor and to supplies bought here.

Before the end of March the territory will realize \$700,000 on the bonds recently sold. They provide for various building projects and directly increase the community's business.

Work on the Pearl Harbor drydock will mean the expenditure of hundreds of thousands more on Oahu during the next three years.

Other navy and army construction work proceeds apace. The army posts are growing. Much building is being done and to be done.

On these few items of potential prosperity alone Hawaii will realize handsomely. There is every reason for optimism.

The best site for the federal building is fore-sight.

TAYLOR GIVES POINTS ON SEEING THE FAIR

The ingenuity of men's brains the world over has been exploited to make the exposition at San Francisco the greatest marvel ever known. A. P. Taylor, assistant secretary to the promotion committee, said in a talk at the Y. M. C. A. last night.

"When a steamer from Hawaii," said Mr. Taylor, "passes through the Golden Gate an Arabian Night's scene is pictured as the Exposition City rises mirage-like above the shores of San Francisco bay. Through golden gates the nations of the world are bringing their richest offerings for the brilliantly lighted palaces on the grounds."

In describing the features of the exposition, Mr. Taylor said the divisions of the fair grounds are distinct. There is the "Zone," which corresponds to the Midway of Chicago, and the "Trail" of the Seattle-Yukon expositions. Next come the palaces of machinery, agriculture and the like. A visit to the foreign section is almost as good as a real tour of the world. The exposition is an educational city in which \$50,000,000 has been spent for giving that education to all comers.

Hawaii's painted fish are attracting much attention, and as Hawaii's location is perhaps the most favorable of any of the buildings, the popularity will continue.

Mr. Taylor spoke at length about the best way to see the fair and gave advice freely regarding rooming houses, concessions and other mat-

LIFE-SAVING BRANCH PROPOSED FOR Y. M. C. A. WAR DETAINS PRESIDENT

The physical committee of the Y. M. C. A. met yesterday afternoon to hear R. T. Prince present the matter of life saving in water. Mr. Prince proposed that the Y. M. C. A. organize a branch of the Royal Life Saving Society, an international organization. He is in correspondence with the headquarters in England as to the details of proceeding and is meanwhile working up interest among the local water clubs.

The proposition was considered to be timely by the committee, as the swimming pool will be in operation within a few months. Those present were Dr. A. F. Jackson, chairman; Robert Anderson, Dr. W. C. Hobdy, George S. Waterhouse and Physical Director Jackson.

DEATHS.

PIERCE.—At Queen's hospital, March 5, Mildred, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pierce of Leahi and Kapahulu roads.

Funeral service this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Silva's undertaking parlors. Interment at Makiki cemetery.

ters of interest to prospective visitors.

Inquirer—Can you tell me where the Frolic Parties went after they left here? Local Manager—Yes; to pieces.

NO TIME FOR SALARY-BOOSTING.

We cannot understand this move in the legislature to boost the salaries of county officials—particularly those of Honolulu. A year ago we were dubious as to whether we would hereafter have money with which to pay any officials; and have been given a lease of life, as it were, only by the intervention of a great war, which has sent our sugar skyward. On the strength of this temporary boost we have had—presumably—certain members of the legislature are ready to loosen the purse-strings. But let us pause; let us think. Free sugar is drawing nearer every day. A financial panic in less than two years is not an impossibility, and Honolulu may need the money for the bread-line more than for salaries of county officials. Let the salaries stand as they are for two years more. We will then be able to say more about the matter.—Garden Island.

GETTING ANXIOUS.

The anxiety of the liquor interests at the steady growth of prohibition sentiment is shown in the printed matter with which they industriously bombard the newspapers. This press-agent material shows lately a rather strained attempt to pass lightly over the beneficial effects of the sweeping order of prohibition in Russia. The booze press-agent tries to argue that because the police have stopped 1800 illicit stills, the order is a failure. Were the liquor folk not so anxious for their future, they would hardly make this bad break in logic.

The unanimity of praise accorded the Hawaiian Electric Company and the Honolulu Gas Company at the senate public hearing last night would be a surprise to many mainlanders accustomed to hearing attacks on public service corporations. The reason is that these Hawaiian corporations do not proceed on "the public be damned" but on "the public be pleased" theory, and when they ask of the legislature an extension of rights, they have a progressive and fair record in their favor. They are seeking an extension of their franchises to cover the entire island of Oahu, the present right covering only the district of Honolulu. Because in the district of Honolulu they have served the public well, there has developed no opposition to expansion—in fact, expansion is favored.

The house is considering the suggestion that the government operate a central sugar mill. It remains now only to determine whether the mill can best be run by Republicans or Democrats.

Reports from the front indicate that sugar has been dislodged from the advanced trenches but is pressing forward stubbornly again.

Sir Edward Grey suggests neutrals keep hands off in Belgium. The belligerents have pretty well looked out for that already.

The Democrats' economical Congress appropriated only \$1,120,484,000.

Detaining Standard Oil steamers seems to be a specialty with the British fleet.

SENATORS ARGUE EMINENT DOMAIN AND FRANCHISES

Oahu Solons Hear Discussion of Three Important Public Utilities Measures

Three senate measures, proposing eminent domain power for public service corporations and extension of the franchises of the gas and electric companies of Honolulu to cover the island of Oahu were discussed at some length in a public meeting of the senate's Oahu committee at the chamber of the upper house yesterday evening.

Amendments were proposed for all three bills, but as a result of the hearing it is apparent that all will be reported favorably by the committee. Senate bill No. 11, proposing the granting of the right of eminent domain, originally proposed the power for electric companies only. This will come out of committee amended so as to make the privilege more general, for the benefit of public corporations of all classes but stipulating that they shall be concerned holding franchises within the meaning of the public utility law, so that they shall be under the control of the public utility commission.

Franchise Bills Amended.

The two franchise extension bills will be so amended that they will be in effect only if Congress approves them before a certain fixed date two years hence. In case Congress has not given them consideration and approved them by that time the legislature of 1917 will thus be able to take up the subject again and enact new statutes, which can be put before the national lawmaking body at once.

C. R. Hemenway, representing the legislative committee of the Chamber of Commerce, informed the senatorial committee that the business men's organization approved the eminent domain and electric franchise proposals, and said that while the gas company franchise measure had not yet received consideration he was convinced the chamber would approve it likewise.

Chairman A. L. Castle of the Oahu committee suggested the amendment making the power of eminent domain general among public service companies, but limiting it to such concerns. He said the right to condemn private property for rights-of-way should not be granted companies whose business is rather restricted to private purposes, as for instance certain plantations which erect electric power lines for the conduct of their own business.

Senator Metzger wanted to know why this measure, like the franchise bill, should not go to Congress for its approval. Attorney Hemenway explained that Congress under Hawaii's organic act does not demand such supervision in the matter of legislation which is not in the nature of a special franchise. Extension of franchise amounts to a special franchise, he said, but the right of eminent domain is not in that category. D. L. Wilmington added that when a right of this kind is given to all corporations it is hardly a special franchise.

There was little discussion on the gas bill, the sentiment being that it follows the same line as the electric franchise extension measure and that if the one is to be approved the other deserves similar action. The two probably will therefore become twins, moving along legislative channels side by side.

Sensor Metzger wanted to know if any other concern in Honolulu is seeking an electric franchise. He recalled he said, that application for another was made in the final days of the 1913 session and that the principal argument against it then was that there was hardly room for a second concern on Oahu. (Wirtz inquired why the franchise of the Hawaiian Electric had been limited by Congress when the original was granted, restricting the company's operation to the city of Honolulu. Attorney R. W. Brockens, representing the company, explained that at that time the Oahu Railway & Land Company opposed the extension to cover the entire island. The franchise permits the company to sell power as well as light. That opposition does not exist today, said Brockens.)

Sensor Coke arose to praise the recent conduct of the Hawaiian Electric Company. If the conditions were similar today to those in existence two years ago, he declared, he might oppose the extension; but the company has shown since the change in control and management a spirit of fairness that commended it to the public.

The Canadian national debt increased \$18,624,852 during January, making the total \$395,378,516.

DWELLINGS FOR RENT.

FURNISHED HOUSES.	
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2222 Kalia road, Waikiki.....	2 bedrooms.....50.00
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Upper Manoa road.....	2 bedrooms.....40.00
Tantalus.....	3 bedrooms.....45.00
UNFURNISHED HOUSES.	
1146 Golek Avenue, Kakaia.....	2 bedrooms.....\$35.00
1475 Thurston Avenue.....	5 bedrooms.....40.00
1563 Wilder Avenue.....	3 bedrooms.....40.00
1139 9th Avenue, Kaimuki.....	2 bedrooms.....45.00
1326 Kaplolan Street.....	2 bedrooms.....45.00
Ferdinand and Adolph Streets, Manoa.....	2 bedrooms.....20.00
Kunawai lane, off Liliha Street.....	2 bedrooms.....13.00
Cottages Nos. 2 and 3, Auld lane.....	3 bedrooms.....16.00
Aloha lane, off King street.....	3 bedrooms.....17.50

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LETTERS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

THE LUSO STREET IMPROVEMENT

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: It appears to distress the morning paper that the city and county government should look to the territory to finish a job the territory had undertaken in the city limits and, besides, collected the money from the people of the particular section to pay for the work. There is one good reason why the municipal authorities should come into the Luso street matter while the legislature is in session, and that is that the territory has left different pieces of that kind of work belonging to it for the county to do.

In the case of the Palolo homesteads the lots were sold under a distinct engagement of the territory to build a road into the tract. The legislature appropriated the money for the purpose, which the homesteaders themselves supplied in the price of their land, but the governor of that day autocratically cancelled the enactment after the legislators had gone home, and the city government built the roads.

Homesteads were sold on the other side of the island with the road clause in the bargain. A road was built, but it was not negotiable for its traffic until the city and county took some hair-pla knots out of it at considerable cost.

Then, down in the Kakaako precincts, the territory set a revolving end at work to fill up low lands, with the result of destroying the old road grades as well as ruining the lawns and gardens of the inhabitants. There is work the territory is morally if not legally bound to finish, but, of course, it would be gross impertinence, in the eyes of the morning sages, on the part of the city and county authorities, notwithstanding they are the most intimate guardians of the local interests of the taxpayers, to say "boo" to the territory in the matter.

SQUARE DEAL.

ASKS FAIR PLAY.

Honolulu, March 4, 1915.

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Sir: In the Advertiser's account of "Speed Maniacs Molested in Heavy Fines" in Judge Monahan's court March 3, and "were severely lectured from the bench," I wish to say in my behalf that I was not lectured by the judge in any way and will also say that Mr. Deering did not testify that I ran into a motorcycle. The whole thing is, and has been for many years to my personal knowledge, that anything you see in the Advertiser is to be taken for what it is worth, as of the account of my custom-house trouble, the Advertiser's account of the matter being that I assaulted an old man 80 years old, when the fact is that I did not touch him. I have been in this country 33 years, and in that time I have tried to conduct myself in a respectable manner, but for the Advertiser's version of my trouble I cannot stand for. I intend to carry my case to a jury, and if there is 12 men in Honolulu who think I ought to, be sent to jail, I will be willing to go.

If the Star-Bulletin will insert this I will thank you very much.
Yours very truly,
J. McQUEEN.

Personal Mention

JAMES W. ROBERTSON of the shipping department of C. Brewer & Co. has been absent from his duties for some days because of serious illness. The veteran steamship man suffered an acute attack of indigestion. He is reported by his physician as recovering.

MADE IN HAWAII EXHIBITS TO BE SHOWN TOURISTS

"Made in Hawaii" is to be the dominant feature of the industrial exhibit which will be displayed in the windows of the Promotion Committee as soon as Assistant Secretary A. P. Taylor can arrange the details.

All home products will be represented in an attractive way, so tourists can see Hawaiian commodities in contrast with those with which they have been accustomed. Ukuleles, mats, guava jellies and similar Hawaiian products will be given space. The trademark adopted bears the initials U. S. A., along with Hawaii.

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2562 Jones St., Manoa Valley.....	4 bedrooms.....80.00
250 Lewers Rd., Waikiki.....	3 bedrooms.....50.00
1913 Makiki St.....	3 bedrooms.....40.00
Cor. Park and 14th Ave., Kaimuki.....	2 bedrooms.....40.00
Kinau and Makiki.....	3 bedrooms.....50.00

UNFURNISHED

1328 Kinau St.....	3 bedrooms.....\$35.00
1877 Kalakaua Ave.....	3 bedrooms.....20.00
1126 King St.....	5 bedrooms.....50.00
Wilder Ave. & Alexander St.....	2 bedrooms.....30.00
2015 Oahu Ave., Manoa Valley.....	2 bedrooms.....20.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa.....	3 bedrooms.....40.00
Cor. Mokuauia & Colburn Sts.,	
Kalihi.....	3 bedrooms.....15.00
1454 Thurston Ave.....	2 bedrooms.....27.50
1646 King St.....	2 bedrooms.....30.00
702 Wylie St. and Puunui Ave.....	4 bedrooms.....50.00

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